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For: VIDEO ENCODING METHOD AND
APPARATUS, VIDEO DECODING METHOD
AND APPARATUS, PROGRAMS
THEREFOR, AND STORAGE MEDIA FOR
STORING THE PROGRAMS

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified
U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which
begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.